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Beverly Hills Recreation & Parks Commission Holds Special Meeting to Discuss Dog Park
Site Visit and Discussion Formalizes Recommendations on Operational Use and Design Components

Beverly Hills, Calif. – After nearly six hours at a special Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held Tuesday, September 9, the Commission formalized recommendations on key components of the proposed dog park located at the corner of Foothill Road and Alden Drive and will review other aspects before presenting their final recommendations to City Council. The key components that the Commission agreed to make recommendations on to City Council are: residency, licensing, allowable number of dogs, patron age limits, restrooms, hours, park rules and operating costs and access. Other issues are still under review, most especially with design components of the dog park and staffing.

Nearly 40 people from the community – and 10 dogs -- were present at the site visit and the Commission, staff and public reconvened at City Hall to further discuss operational use and design components. Seventeen people voiced their opinions to the Commission, most in support of the dog park but with concerns and recommendations which the Commission took into consideration during their discussion afterwards.

The Recreation and Parks Commission stated that this is a work in progress and as an advisory commission, they will make recommendations to City Council based on their research and feedback they received from the public. If City Council agrees to go forward with the dog park, they have the ability to make adjustments to the operational use and design of the dog park to enhance the experience and remain in good standing with neighbors.

Steve Zoet, Director of Community Services, said, “The Commission has done a tremendous job in researching best practices of other dog parks and applying it to the recommendation process. We are very happy with the progress and outcome of this meeting and look forward to the Commission presenting their recommendations to City Council in the future.”

The next special Recreation and Parks Commission Meeting will be held on September 29, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall in Room 280-A. The dog park will be on the agenda with other topics. The public is welcome to attend.

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